

118 *The Nature of the Barley-Corn,*
Seasons of the Year that follow such Brew-
ings: For then they will both have part
of a Summer and Winter to ripen and di-
gest their several Bodies; and 'tis my hum-
ble Opinion, that where the Strength of
the Beer, the Quantity of Hops, the boil-
ing Fermentation and the Cask are all
rightly managed, there Drink may be most
excellent, and better at nine Months Age,
than at nine Years, for Health and Plea-
sure of Body. But to be truly certain of
the right Time, there should be first an
Examination made by Pegging the Vessel
to prove if such Drink is fine, the Hop
sufficiently rotted, and it be mellow and
well tasted.



C H A P. XX.

*Of the Pleasure and Profit of Private
Brewing, and the Charge of buying
Malt Liquors.*

HERE I am to treat of the main
Article of shewing the difference
between brewing our own Ales and Beers,
and buying them, which I doubt not will
appear